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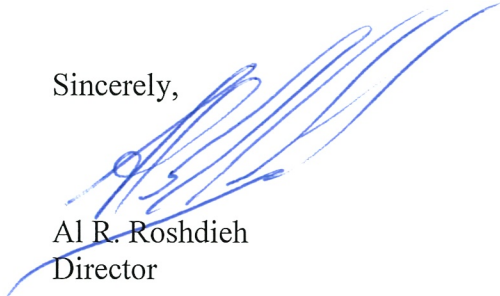
Dear Mr. Koenig:

Enclosed you will find the Categorical Exclusion Worksheet and Appendices for the US 29 BRT Improvements Project. The Worksheet and Appendices have been revised to address all FTA comments received.

As detailed in the Categorical Exclusion Worksheet, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is planning to design and construct a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system along US 29 which meets the immediate needs of transit populations along this busy corridor. The project proposes a new, 14-mile BRT service along US 29 from the Silver Spring Transit Center to the Burtonsville Park-and-Ride. The project includes new BRT service along existing travel lanes and shoulders; construction of eleven stations along the corridor; implementation of Transit Signal Priority at several signalized intersections; and improvements to landscapes, sidewalk, and bicycle facilities. This project is to receive a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Based on the documentation provided in this Worksheet, we request your concurrence that the US 29 BRT Improvements Project be considered a Categorical Exclusion in accordance with 23 CFR § 771.118(d). Please notify MCDOT of the FTA determination of Class of Action for this project.

Sincerely,



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